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Fig.1.

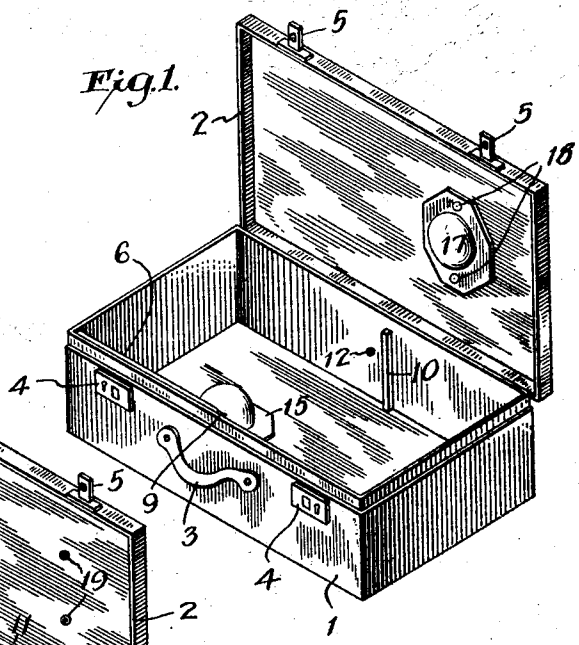
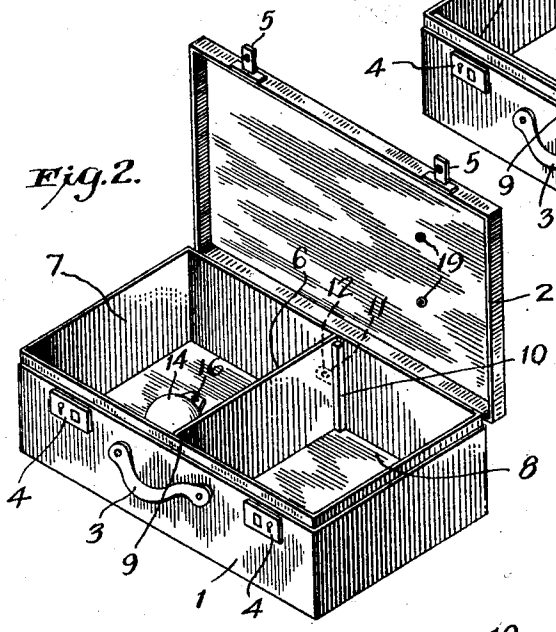


Fig.2.



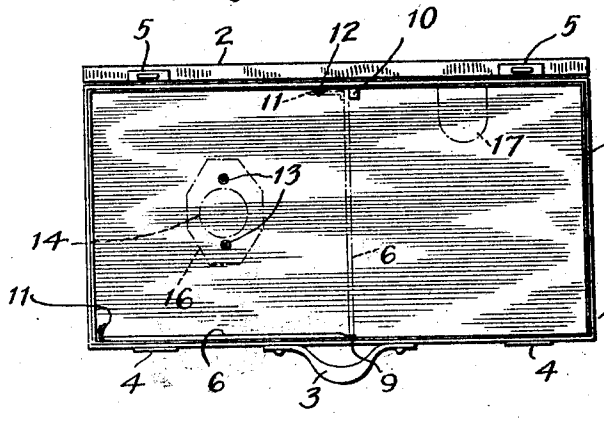


Fig.3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOMER RIPPETOE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Combination Luggage, of which the following is a specification.

The object is to provide a single compact piece of hand luggage of the class of ladies' traveling cases capable of serving as a double hat-box, as a combination hat-box and week-end case, and as a suit-case.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating the invention:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the case with the lid open, adjusted as a double hat-box;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the adjustment for a combination hat-box and week-end case; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view with the lid standing straight up, showing the suit-case adjustment, dotted lines being used for better indication of the positions of the partitions and the hat-forms when in position.

The case has the body 1 and hinged lid 2 of a suit-case, with a carrying handle 3 on the long front side of the body and locks and catches 4, 5.

The oblong body is fitted with a hinged partition 6 adapted to be placed transversely across the interior from front to rear so as to divide it into two compartments 7 and 8 of unequal size. The partition is hinged at 9 to the front wall of the body, and when it is in position its rear end rests against a stop strip 10 on the rear wall and is held by a snap-fastener tab 11 on the partition engaging a snap-button 12 on the wall. The larger compartment 7, which is then formed, is substantially square, so that the partition can be folded flat against the front wall, throwing the compartments into a single interior.

A pair of snap-buttons 13 are fixed on the bottom of the body in position to hold a removable hat-form 14 centrally of the area of the compartment 7. The flange 15 of the hat-form is provided with snap-sockets 16 corresponding to the buttons.

A second hat-form 17 having snap-sockets 18 is provided for the lid, the inside of which has a pair of snap-buttons 19 for the purpose. The position of this hat-form is offset longitudinally toward the other end of the case from the position of the hat-form 14, in such manner as to permit hats to be placed on both without interfering with each other.

The case forms a double hat-box with both of the hat-forms in position and the partition placed at one side, as in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 2 the partition is fastened across the interior, and the hat-form 17 has been displaced, so that a week-end case compartment 8 is provided. The other compartment 7 is large enough to receive a hat on the hat-form 14. The case, thus adjusted, will hold a hat, an extra dress and all necessary accessories.

The case constitutes a suit-case when both of the hat-forms are displaced and the partition is folded back. This is shown in Fig. 3. The positions of the hat forms and the transverse position of the partition are indicated by dotted lines in this figure to bring out relations.

What I claim as new is:

A combination traveling case, comprising a suit-case having a partition in its body hinged to one side wall intermediate the ends thereof and of a length approximately equal to the width of the interior of the body so as to be adapted to lie flat against said wall or to be swung straight across the interior to divide the same into two compartments, and means for removably attaching two hat-forms, one of them to the bottom of the body in the space of one of said compartments, and the other hat-form to the inside of the cover over the space of the other compartment, substantially as set forth.

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